South Seeks Aid in Reclamation Work on Swamps

Support of West Needed to Put Across Projects and Improve Conditions in Section.

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Washington, June 16.—Just 21 years ago, to the day, congress passed and President Roosevelt signed the national reclamation act under which the government, to date, has expended $130,000,000 in the irrigation of arid lands of the west. While this act was heralded as one of the outstanding accomplishments of the Roosevelt administration, and while the great influence of the then president made possible its enactment by congress, the bill would not have become law had it not received liberal support from democrats of the south, for arrayed against it were many of the republican leaders of that day; had the bill been allowed to assume a partisan character, its defeat would have been certain.

In the enactment of the reclamation act the south almost solidly came to the support of the west, and asked no immediate return. It was distinctly understood, however, that in time the south would appeal to congress for federal aid in reclaiming its swamp lands, and western senators and representatives who were leading the fight for the reclamation bill pledged western aid to the south whenever the south was ready to ask for a swamp land reclamation law.

South Seeking Aid.

The time has now come when the south is ready to appeal to western senators and congressmen to make good the promise given 21 years ago. It so happens that at this same time the west is looking to congress to provide more liberally than ever before for the irrigation of its arid lands.

Representative William B. Bankhead of Alabama, always a believer in federal aid for the reclamation of waste lands, has just returned from a trip to the Pacific coast which enabled him to see much that has been accomplished in 21 years under the national reclamation law, and he declares the time now has come for congress to aid the south as it previously aided the west. He goes further and offers a reminder to his western colleagues that they must co-operate with the south and lend it a helping hand on its swamp lands if it expects the south again to aid in promoting the irrigation of arid lands.

Support Is Needed.

"Continued western development, insofar as it relates to the reclamation and settlement of land through federal agencies, can take place only as the south and east are willing and able to help," declared Mr. Bankhead upon his return from the far west. Discussing the prospect for reclamation legislation, and the need for government aid in reclaiming the swamp lands of the south, Mr. Bankhead said:

"When in the west on a recent visit, I was surprised and delighted at the evident prosperity and rapid growth; particularly so, when it was impressed upon my mind as never before, that much of this development had been the result of a wise policy strenuously urged by my old-time friend, Francis G. Newlands, and embodied in the Reclamation act of June 17, 1902.

"This act has a curious legislative history, for, although it was passed during a republican administration, signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, and regarded by him as one of the brilliant results of his administration, yet we must not forget that it was passed against the strenuous protests of the leading republicans, such as Uncle Joe Cannon, and by the rank and file vote of the house—democratic as well as republican. It was the clear understanding then, that when the time did arrive in the development of the country that the south needed similar legislation, there would be reciprocal treatment by the west, in recognition of this great aid from the south.

South Pioneer Section.

"The time has now arrived when the south can properly demand this recognition, because, as I stated again and again, in the west, we of the south are now, in some respects, the pioneer part of the United States. We have the largest area of good land undeveloped, susceptible of a high degree of cultivation. It is true, we do not have some of the difficult, picturesque engineering problems of the west, but, nevertheless, we do have some very real difficulties, such as can be effectively overcome only by the adoption of a well-considered federal policy.

"Not that I mean that the federal government should interfere in local affairs, or dominate in any way in our settlement problems—rather the contrary; its attitude should be similar to that advocated by my father in connection with the good roads movement. The federal government can well afford to utilize the experience of its various bureaus, the credit which attaches to federal undertakings, and can aid the states, and particularly reclamation and settlement districts, to develop.

"It should not be necessary for each new undertaking in the south to start anew and learn for itself, by trial, and perhaps failure, those ways which have been found successful elsewhere, any more than it should be necessary for each piece of highway to be an experiment. All should be co-ordinated, in accordance with the valuable experince already obtained.

"The wonderful results obtained in the west have had the effect of stimulating the people of the south to inquire whether it is not possible to apply much of the experience had in the west to southern conditions—particularly as we have been losing from the south a large part of the available labor of the past.

"The old order has changed: many of our farms are being abandoned; tenantry has increased to an alarming extent, and it behooves us to face conditions clearly if we are to preserve our institutions.

"It may be a good thing from an economic standpoint to have much of the land formerly cultivated go back into forest growth, if the growth is of a valuable kind; because as we all too well realize, much of this land has been exhausted and its fertility diminished.

"On the other hand, we know that throughout the south there are vast areas of land, the soil of which is equal or superior to much of that which has been cultivated. We should bring about conditions such that these better soils may be utilized; and more than this, that the man who is now a tenant, or struggling along under unfavorable conditions, may ultimately become a landowner, and a source of security to the state, rather than a mere 'cropper' or 'itinerant laborer.'

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Folding Settee.....$1.85
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Refrigerators

With Easy-to-Pay Terms of

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Prices $12.50 $16.50 up

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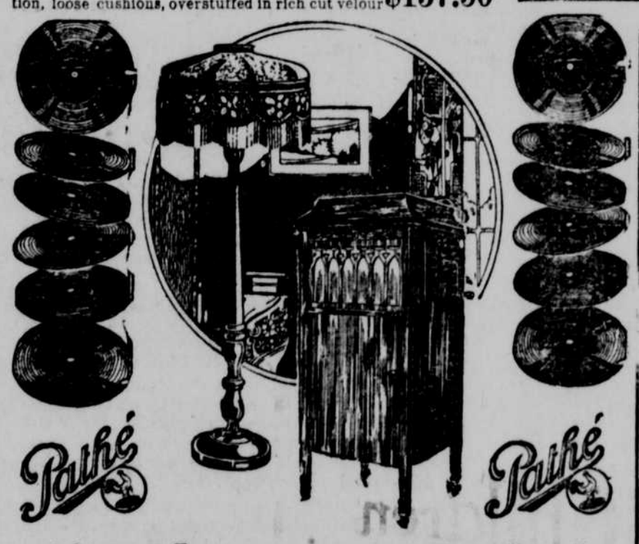
Smart Summer Millinery, $3.95 Up



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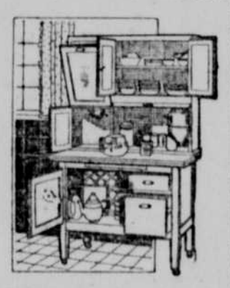

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14x26 Door Mats,	$1.39
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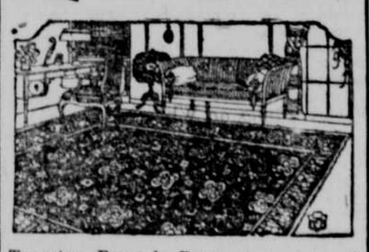

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